

Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board



Creation; Membership; Region

1. A regional behavioral health policy board is hereby created for each behavioral health region.
2. Each policy board consists of not less than 7 members and not more than 13 members appointed pursuant to this section.
3. Southern Region serving Esmerelda, Mineral, Lincoln, and Northern Nye Counties

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-433.html#NRS433Sec425>

Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Members

- **Chair: Franklin Katschke**, Lincoln County Public Defender
- **Vice Chair: Kevin A. Osten-Garner**, PsyD, Executive Director and Chief Psychologist, Adler Community Health Services
- **Boonn Hem**, Peer Recovery Support Specialist-Substance Misuse Specialist / CHW - Nye Communities Coalition
- **Assemblyman Gregory Hafen II**, Legislator/ District 36
- **Missie Rowe**, CEO/Administrator, Grover C. Dils Medical Center

SRBHPB Members (Cont'd)

- **Stacy Smith**, Chief Executive Officer, Nye Communities Coalition
- **Brenda O'Neil**, Health Manager, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- **Scott Lewis**, Chief, Pahrump Valley Fire & Rescue
- **Sarah Dillard**, Rural Program Director, Community Chest
- **Whitney Koch Owens**, PsyD, Owner, The Evidence Based Practice of Nevada, PLLC
- **Coleen Lawrence**, MSSL, EJD, Project Director CCBHC, Thrive, CPLC Nevada, Inc.

Vacancy: Majority Leader of the
Senate Appointment

Appoints to each Policy Board a member who represents law enforcement agencies and who has experience with and knowledge of matters relating to persons in need of behavioral health services.

Open Position – Recommendations

Vacancy - Policy Board Members Appointments

One member who represents the interests of owners or administrators of residential treatment facilities, transitional housing or other housing for persons with a mental illness or persons who have an alcohol or other substance use disorder.

Open Position – Need for Recommendations

Advise Dept. of Health and Human Services, Div. of Public and Behavioral Health, and Commission on Behavioral Health

- Any federal, state or local law or regulation that relates to behavioral health which it determines is redundant, conflicts with other laws or is obsolete and any recommendation to address any such redundant, conflicting, or obsolete law or regulation; and
- Priorities for allocating money to support and develop behavioral health services in the behavioral health region.

Article IV: Policy Board Duties (NRS 433.4295)

Advise the DHHS, DPBH, AND CBH regarding:

- ▶ Behavioral health needs of adults and children in the region.
- ▶ Any progress, problems or proposed plans relating to the provision of behavioral health services and methods to improve the provision of services in the region.
- ▶ Identified gaps in the behavioral health services which are available in the region and any recommendations or service enhancements to address those gaps.

I. Policy Board Duties

- ▶ Promote improvements in the delivery of BH services in the region.
- ▶ Coordinate and exchange information with the other policy boards to provide unified and coordinated recommendations.
- ▶ Review the collection and reporting standards of behavioral health data to determine standards for such data collection and reporting processes.

II. Policy Board Duties

To the extent feasible,

- ▶ Establish an organized, sustainable, and accurate electronic repository of data and information concerning BH and services in the region.
- ▶ Policy board may collaborate with an existing community-based organization to establish the repository.
- ▶ Make repository accessible to members of the public on a website maintained by the board.

<https://nvbh.org/southern-behavioral-health-region/>

III. Policy Board Duties

To the extent feasible,

- ▶ Track and compile data concerning persons admitted to mental health facilities and hospitals.
- ▶ And to mental health facilities and programs of community-based or outpatient services inclusive, in the region, including, without limitation:
 - *Outcomes of treatment provided to such persons; and*
 - *Measures taken upon and after the release of such persons to address behavioral health issues and prevent future admissions.*

(See details in NRS 433.425 to 433.4295 (RBHPB))

Policy Board Duties

- ▶ Identify and coordinate with other entities in the region and state to address issues relating to behavioral health to increase awareness and avoid duplication of efforts.
- ▶ In coordination with existing entities in this State that address issues relating to behavioral health services, submit an annual report to the Commission which includes, without limitation:

Include in Annual Report (Continued)

- ▶ Specific BH needs of the region.
- ▶ Description of methods used by the policy board to collect and analyze data concerning the BH needs and problems of the region and gaps in services available, including, without limitation, a list of all sources of such data used by the policy board.

IV. Policy Board Duties

In coordination with existing entities in this State that address issues relating to behavioral health services, submit an annual report to the Commission which includes, without limitation:

- ▶ A description of the manner in which the policy board has carried out the requirements . . . and the results of those activities; and
- ▶ The data compiled concerning persons admitted to mental health facilities and hospitals pursuant to NRS 433A.145 to 433A.197 (as described in 6 of this section).

V. Policy Board Duties

A report may be submitted more often than annually if the policy board determines that a specific behavioral health issue requires an additional report to the Commission.

Each policy board may request the drafting of not more than one legislative measure which relates to matters within the scope of the policy board. The request must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel on or before September 1st proceeding the regular session.

Southern Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board Duties and Role

Questions or Comments

Franklin Katschke, Chair

Kevin A. Osten-Garner, Vice-Chair